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<b>DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION (37 CFR 1.63)</b>	Attorney Docket No.	970054.412USPC	
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As the below named inventor(s), I/we hereby declare that:

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I/we believe that I/we am/are the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DESALTING WATER**

(Title of Invention)

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I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

In addition, I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me/us to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the National or PCT International filing date of the continuation-in-part application, if applicable.

I/we hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Claimed	Certified Copy Attached? YES NO	
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Additional foreign application numbers are not listed on a supplemental priority data sheet PTO/SB/02B attached hereto.

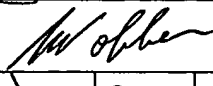
I/we hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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